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Pay Bill Sent to President; Pre-Holiday 'Bonuses' Readied

Congress completed action on the 5.6 percent military pay increase legislation Dec. 12 and sent it to the President to be signed into law.

Prior to completion of Congressional action, the services had gone into high gear in an effort to insure that military personnel receive the retroactive portion of the increase—for October and November—in time for the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

All three military departments sent policy instructions to local finance offices, directing them to pay the retroactive portion of the pay raise during December.

Army authorized field finance offices to make a special mid-December partial pay.

Navy said it plans to make special payments shortly after the normal Dec. 14 payday, probably during the week of Dec. 18-22 in most areas.

Air Force authorized finance officers to honor partial pay requests beginning the day the President signs the bill into law. The pay request must not, however, exceed the amount of the retroactive pay increase.

Monthly increases for military personnel range from $5.10 per month for recruits to $112 for four-star officers with more than 26 years of service. Complete new pay scales are on page 2 of this issue.

Details on other aspects of the pay bill are contained in DOD Fact Sheet 48, "The Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1967," which will be available through normal publications distribution channels shortly after Presidential signature.

Computer-Assisted Instruction Subject of Army Feasibility Study

A study is underway by the Army to determine if Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) can accelerate training of electronic technicians. If the results are fruitful such training may have far-reaching effects on future military training and education in general, Army said.

The current feasibility study is geared to practical application of electronics training. The lessons, taken from the school's conventional instruction, have been converted to a CAI format at the Army Signal School at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Rienzi, Commandant, said the study is the first to be undertaken at an Army service school for military training and education purposes.

MISSION DISCUSSION—Capt. Billy J. Gugh, an F-4 Phantom aircraft commander with the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, explains his crew's upcoming mission to Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force Chief of Staff, during the general's tour of Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, Vietnam.

Navy Announces Early Releases For 34,000 Enlisted Personnel

Some Navy enlisted men due for separation this fiscal year will be released one or two months early, Navy officials have announced.

They said the early release of about 34,000 men affected by the decision will mean savings in personnel funding. They noted, however, that the early separations will have no effect on Navy's programmed strength at the end of the fiscal year.

Men scheduled for release in January and February 1968 will be separated by Dec. 18 this year, and those getting out in March and April will be released during January and February.

The program will not apply to all commands, and not all of Navy's 65 ratings will be eligible. Men in Vietnam or aboard Sixth and Seventh Fleet ships will not be considered.

The ratings not eligible are: Aviation Fire Control Technician, Radarman, Electronics Technician, Hospital Corpsman, Fire Control Technician, Quartermaster, Sonar Technician and all seven Seabee ratings.

MILITARY BASIC PAY SCALES

Effective October 1, 1967, as provided in the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1967

OFFICERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
O-10[1]	$1,503.90	$1,587.00	$1,587.00	$1,587.00	$1,587.00	$1,616.40	$1,616.40	$1,740.60	$1,740.60	$1,865.10	$1,865.10	$1,989.30	$1,989.30	$2,113.80	$2,113.80
O-9	1,332.90	1,367.70	1,397.40	1,397.40	1,397.40	1,432.50	1,432.50	1,491.90	1,491.90	1,616.40	1,616.40	1,740.60	1,740.60	1,865.10	1,865.10
O-8	1,207.20	1,243.50	1,272.90	1,272.90	1,272.90	1,367.70	1,367.70	1,432.50	1,432.50	1,491.90	1,557.00	1,616.40	1,681.50	1,681.50	1,681.50
O-7	1,002.90	1,071.60	1,071.60	1,071.60	1,119.30	1,119.30	1,184.10	1,184.10	1,243.50	1,367.70	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,462.20
O-6	743.10	816.90	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	900.00	1,041.90	1,095.30	1,119.30	1,184.10	1,284.60	1,284.60
O-5	594.30	696.40	746.10	746.10	746.10	746.10	769.50	810.60	864.60	929.40	982.80	1,012.20	1,047.90	1,047.90	1,047.90
O-4	501.60	610.20	651.30	651.30	663.00	692.70	739.80	781.20	816.90	852.60	876.30	876.30	876.30	876.30	876.30
O-3[2]	466.20	520.80	556.20	615.90	645.30	668.70	704.70	739.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80
O-2[2]	373.50	443.70	532.80	550.50	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20
O-1[2]	321.00	386.20	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70

[1]While serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, basic pay for this grade is $2,332.20 regardless of cumulative years of service.

[2]Does not apply to commissioned officers who have been credited with over 4 years' active service as enlisted members.

OFFICERS CREDITED WITH OVER 4 YEARS' ACTIVE SERVICE AS ENLISTED MEMBERS

Pay grade	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
O-3	$615.90	$645.30	$668.70	$704.70	$739.80	$769.50	$769.50	$769.50	$769.50	$769.50	$769.50	$769.50
O-2	550.50	562.20	580.20	610.20	633.60	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30
O-1	443.70	473.70	491.40	509.10	526.80	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50

WARRANT OFFICERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
W-4	$474.60	$509.10	$509.10	$520.80	$544.50	$568.20	$591.90	$633.60	$663.00	$686.70	$704.70	$728.10	$752.10	$810.60	$810.60
W-3	431.40	468.00	468.00	473.70	479.70	514.80	544.50	562.20	580.20	597.60	615.90	639.60	663.00	686.70	686.70
W-2	377.70	406.80	406.80	420.30	443.70	468.00	485.70	503.10	520.80	538.80	556.20	573.90	597.60	597.60	597.60
W-1	316.00	361.20	361.20	390.90	408.60	426.30	443.70	462.00	479.70	497.40	514.80	532.80	532.80	532.80	532.80

ENLISTED MEMBERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26	Over 30
E-9[1]							$539.10	$551.40	$564.30	$576.60	$589.20	$601.20	$632.70	$694.20	$694.20
E-8						$452.40	465.00	477.30	489.90	502.20	514.50	527.10	558.30	620.10	620.10
E-7	$284.40	$340.80	$353.40	$366.00	$378.30	390.30	402.60	415.50	434.10	446.40	458.70	465.00	496.20	558.30	558.30
E-6	248.10	297.60	309.90	322.50	335.10	347.10	359.70	378.30	390.30	402.60	409.20	409.20	409.20	409.20	409.20
E-5	211.50	260.70	273.00	285.00	303.90	316.20	328.50	340.80	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10
E-4	177.90	223.20	235.50	254.10	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70
E-3	126.70	179.70	192.30	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60
E-2	106.20	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80
E-1	102.30	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20
E-1 (under 4 months)	95.70														

[1]While serving as Sergeant Major of the Army, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, basic pay for this grade is $644.10 regardless of cumulative years of service.

Longer SEA Tours Seen For Some AF Air Crew Men

A need for the knowledge of in-country combat tactics possessed by Air Force aircrew members serving in Southeast Asia has prompted the possibility of normal tours for some aircrewmen.

"All officers programmed for SEA tours as an aircrew member," personnel officials said, "must be aware of the possibility of a 12-month tour regardless of initial weapon system assignment."

In the past, most Air Force aircrews completing 100 out-of-country missions were reassigned from Southeast Asia.

The officials emphasized that a tour in a combat aircraft followed by operations staff duties in SEA offers a beneficial professional experience for career officers.

Regarding the need to fill operational positions, officials noted that aircrew members who have completed 100 out-of-country missions or those at the midway point of a 12-point tour "are best qualified for these positions."

It was noted that increased requirements in SEA over the past two years have affected the available experienced tactical resources.

Defense Authorizes Emblem Display By Immediate Families of Servicemen

A new Service Flag and Service Lapel Button for display and wear by the immediate family of servicemen have been authorized by Department of Defense. Both emblems are similar to the "Blue Star" devices Americans displayed during World War II when their husbands, sons and daughters were in uniform.

DOD Directive 1348.20 set forth basic policy Dec. 1, stating families may display the emblems during the time immediate members of their families are on active duty during periods of war or hostilities. Survivors of servicemen who died on active duty may permanently display and wear the "Blue Star."

The directive defined immediate family members as wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, foster parents, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brother, sister, half brother and half sister.

Showing the Service Flag was also authorized by DOD to such organizations as churches, schools, colleges, fraternities, sororities and places of business which have members in the armed forces.

Flags and buttons will be available only through commercial firms. DOD said the emblems should be on the market within the next few months.

DOD also prescribed the use of the "Gold Star" denoting death of a family member in the same directive.

Department of Army was named executive agent for all services in granting certificates for the manufacture and retail sale of the devices.

R & D SHOP TALK—Maj. Gen. Richard H. Free (2nd from right), Director of Development, Army Materiel Command, discusses research and development programs with Brig. Gen. W. J. Durrenberger (2nd from left), CG, Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Ill. Col. Leonard M. Orman (left), AWC Director of R & D, and Dr. C. M. Hudson, AWC Deputy for Research and Engineering, join in the discussion.

Twenty USO Shows Make Holiday Overseas Tours

Overseas servicemen from Europe to the Pacific are being entertained over the Christmas-New Year holiday season by more than 20 different USO groups.

"The Bob Hope Show" headed again for the Pacific area along with a dozen other entertainment units which feature Guy Mitchell, Martha Raye and Connie Francis.

Going to Europe were "The George Jessel Show" and five other shows.

"Grand Ole Opry" featuring Roy Acuff went to the Caribbean, while "Franz Jackson and the Original Jazz All-Stars" traveled to Alaska.

Navy Opens Public Works Complex at NSA DaNang

The newly-dedicated Public Works shops complex at the Naval Support Activity, DaNang, Vietnam, has been termed the world's largest military public works operation by the Chief of Navy Facilities Engineering Command.

RAdm. Alexander C. Husband made this remark Dec. 3 at dedication ceremonies for the 38-acre site.

The shops complex, which houses the Transportation, Utilities and Maintenance Divisions of NSA Public Works, will be the main facilities for the DaNang public works operation.

NSA DaNang Public Works maintains more than 2,100 vehicles and employs more than 3,300 personnel in Vietnam's I Corps area.

Lt. Col. Robert F. Titus Wins Air Force Cross For Double MIG Kill

The Air Force Cross was awarded to Lt. Col. Robert F. Titus for heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hanoi last May.

Titus led his 366th Tactical Fighter Wing flight from DaNang into one of the most heavily defended areas of North Vietnam in support of bombing operations. Despite intense ground fire and enemy missiles, he repeatedly battled MIG-21s, destroying two.

The award was made by Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. B. K. Holloway in the Pentagon, where Titus is now on duty at USAF headquarters.

RUSSIAN-MADE ROCKET LAUNCHER—Navy Cdr. Donald Warthen (left), Senior Advisor, Rung Sat Special Zone, explains the operation of a captured Russian-made rocket launcher to RAdm. Kenneth L. Veth, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam. The Viet Cong used the launcher to attack a Chinese merchant ship on the Long Tau River in the Rung Sat zone.

Army Unveils 'Cheyenne,' Newest Combat Helicopter

Army's newest combat helicopter, the AH-56A "Cheyenne," appeared in public for the first time in a Dec. 12 test flight before ranking military, government and Lockheed-California Co. officials at Van Nuys, Calif.

No weapons were carried in the flight, although the Cheyenne is the Army's first integrated vehicle for armament, avionics and fire control. As such, it will be capable of firing machine guns, grenades, rockets and missiles. It carries a swiveling belly turret mounting a 30mm automatic gun, and both pilot and gunner are protected by armor plate.

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Exploration of Queen Maud Land Scheduled by Operation Deep Freeze

One of the last unexplored areas of Antarctica—Queen Maud Land—will be explored during Operation Deep Freeze 68.

A party of 10 scientists plans to make a 1,200-mile journey across the area to complete the third leg of a four year project called the South Pole-Queen Maud Land Traverse.

The explorers will be led by a scientist from Environmental Science Service Administration (ESSA), Department of Commerce.

ESSA has 23 other scientists in the Deep Freeze Operation from Coast and Geodetic Survey, Weather Bureau and ESSA Research Laboratories.

Fourteen of them will spend the winter in Antarctica, remaining until around December 1968. The others will conduct their research during the summer months and are scheduled to return in March.

Three of the ESSA scientists will be scientific leaders at the Byrd, McMurdo and South Pole stations with responsibility over all other scientists.

Their research work is supported by more than 2,500 men from Navy, Coast Guard, Army and Air Force, and more than a dozen ships and aircraft. RAdm. J. Lloyd Jr., USN, heads the operation.

Adm. Horacio Rivero Jr., Named As C-in-C, Southern Europe

Adm. Horacio Rivero Jr., will succeed Adm. Charles D. Griffin as Commander in Chief, Southern Europe.

The appointment, announced by President Johnson, will be effective Feb. 1 when Adm. Griffin retires.

President Johnson said he will nominate VAdm. Bernard A. Clarey to four-star admiral rank to replace Adm. Rivero as Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Adm. Clarey is now Director of Program Planning in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The President also announced he has accepted the resignation of Graeme C. Bannerman, Assistant Secretary of Navy for Installations and Logistics.

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